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1. The following are ammunition dumps in the Port Arthur vicinity:

(1) Rifle and artillery ammunition is stored in five caves in the Changchunan (121-16, 38-53) vicinity, near Sanchienpao and 20 li northeast of Port Arthur. Digging of these caves was begun by the Japanese in April 1944 and finished in July 1945. Entrances to the caves are guarded.

(2) Ammunition is stored in eight storehouses and four caves in Kotzut'un (高子屯), five li southeast of Lungtou (121-18, 38-52) Station. Construction of these storehouses was begun in 1944 by the Japanese and finished by the Soviet authorities.

(3) There are ammunition dumps at Tienchiatun (121-13, 38-46) and Shuangt'oushan (雙頭山), near Fangchiatun (121-10, 38-49), seven li south of Port Arthur. The dumps are in caves on the summit and five storehouses at the foot of the hills in this area. The caves and buildings were constructed by the Japanese in 1943. The Soviet authorities have added two forts, which are presently under repair.

(4) The Soviet authorities are using the Xingch'iaoting (迎橋町) ammunition dump in Port Arthur, formerly used by the Japanese Manchukuo 962 Unit (unidentified).

(5) There is an ammunition dump at Hainankou (121-16, 39-24), five li northeast of Port Arthur, near Paiyinshan. Beginning construction when they arrived in Port Arthur, the Soviet authorities have completed four buildings there, which are surrounded by mines and an electrically-charged wire fence.

2. On 28 and 29 September, two large Soviet ships entered Dairen Harbor. On 29 and 28 September, Pugachev and the Okhotsk entered Dairen Harbor.

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Ammunition or explosives totaling 6400 cases were unloaded from these ships and sent to the former Japanese storage depot in Tahsinchaitun (121-30, 38-58). The only workers permitted to unload the ships were those dock workers who had been in the employ of the Soviets for a long period of time. Some of these workers were Japanese.

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3. [REDACTED] some of the ammunition or explosives unloaded from the Soviet ships which entered Dairen Harbor on 28 and 29 September have been transferred to the border of the Kwantung Leased Territory and is now stored near Pulantien (121-57, 39-24). Sixteen groups of Soviet Military Transport Branch Corps trucks were used to transfer the ammunition. Each group consists of eighteen six ton trucks. Each truck was loaded with 46 cases of ammunition.

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